

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*): A recording apparatus comprising:
a plurality of recording drives configured to record information containing video data;
a determining section configured to determine, after recording has been programmed and during activation of a first task that executes the programmed recording, whether one of the recording drives on which the programmed recording is executed, ~~is being~~ has already been accessed by a second task;

a judging section configured to judge, upon the determining section determining that the recording drive is being accessed by the second task for a conflicting activity including a real-time recording and a playback, whether the real-time recording and the playback can be executed by providing simultaneous access to the recording drive for the first and second tasks;

an interrupting process section configured to:

(a) interrupt the second task, upon the judging section judging that real-time recording cannot be executed, and

(b) enabling the first task to execute the programmed recording on the recording drive, upon the determining section determining that the recording drive is being accessed by the second another task; and

an executing section configured to execute the programmed recording using the recording drive.

2. (*Cancelled*).

3. (*Original*) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which suspends said another task currently using said one of the recording drives, and said apparatus further comprising a section which restarts said another task after finishing the programmed recording.

4. (*Original*) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which forcibly finishes said another task currently using said one of the recording drives.

5. - 9. (*Cancelled*).